

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Current Status of Claims

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1 8.(currently amended) A method for treating [or preventing] a viral infection in a patient
2 [in need of such treatment or prevention] comprising administering a therapeutically [or
3 prophylactically] effective amount of a plant extract [is obtained from] comprising a
4 particulate, dehydrated [Allium] plant material derived from a species of Allium selected
5 from the group consisting of Allium cepa, Allium ampeloprasum, Allium fistulosa, and Allium
6 schoenoprasum [that is processed after dehydration to produce particles] having [an average
7 particle size] particles ranging in size from about 1 to 1,400 microns.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein [said Allium extract is administered orally] the
2 administering is orally administering.

1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein [said] the viral infection is selected from the group
2 consisting of influenza, herpes, hepatitis, parvovirus, distemper, RSV, CMV, rhinovirus,
3 rhabdovirus, papillomavirus, Epstein Barr, and foot and mouth disease virus.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein [said] the Allium species is [selected from the group

consisting of *A. cepa*, *A. ampeloprasum*, *A. fistulosa*, and *A. schoenoprasum*] *Allium ampeloprasum*.

12. The method of claim [9]8, wherein [said] the *Allium* species is [A.] *Allium cepa*.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein [said particulate extract is administered orally] the extract has a particle size distribution comprising about 42.9% of the particles less than 250 microns, 56.9% of the particles less than 355 microns, 74.7% of the particles less than 500 microns, 21.7% of the particles ranging between 500-850 microns, 22.1% of the particles ranging from 106-250 microns, 6.8% of the particles ranging from 75-106 microns, 10.8% of the particles ranging from 36-75 microns, and 3.2% of the particles less than 36 microns.

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1 39. The method of claim 8, wherein the particles have a particle size of less than or equal
2 to 10 microns to about 850 microns.

1 40. The method of claim 8, wherein the particles have a particle size between about 36
2 and about 500 microns.

1 41. The method of claim 8, wherein the *Allium* species is *Allium fistulosa*.

1 42. The method of claim 8, wherein the *Allium* species is *Allium schoenoprasum*.